

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-229-C - ORDER NO. 98-568

JULY 24, 1998

IN RE: Application of LCI International Telecom Corp. and USLD Communications, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of Selected Assets.))))	ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW AND APPLICATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion for Expedited Review of the Application in this Docket. LCI International Telecom Corp. (LCIT) and USLD Communications, Inc. (USLD) (together, the Applicants) filed an Application with this Commission seeking (1) approval of certain selected long distance and local exchange assets from USLD to LCIT; and (2) reorganization of the corporate structure of the Applicants. Both Applicants have received Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity from this Commission.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed the Applicants to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas, one time. The Commission has received affidavits showing that the Applicants followed the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. The Applicants have also filed verified testimony to support the Application.

Accordingly, the Applicants state that considering the nature of the transactions, and the fact that no opposition to the Application has been filed, the transactions should

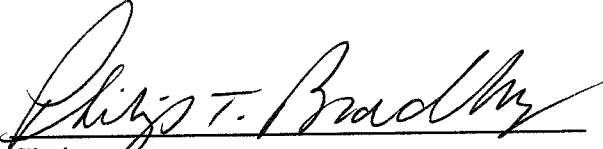
be approved, based on the record, including the prefiled verified testimony, and without the necessity of a hearing.

We grant the Motion for Expedited Review, based on the factors as stated above. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1997), however, calls for “due hearing” before such transfer may be approved. Considering the present transaction, though, we hold that the Commission’s weekly agenda meeting of July 21, 1998, wherein this matter was considered and the verified testimony proffered satisfies the “due hearing “ requirement of the statute.

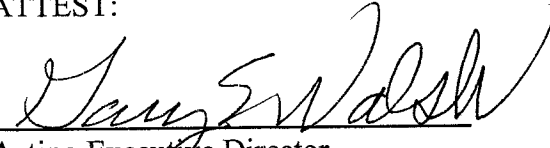
A review of the entire record of this case convinces us that the Application is in the public interest and should be granted. The selected long distance and local asset transfer from USLD to LCIT is approved. Also, the corporate reorganization request is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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